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AUTOMATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before first Action on this application, please amend claims 1-14 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A RESOURCE management system, comprising:

(a) [multiple] a plurality of SERVERs [, the SERVERs

being] grouped into LOCAL SERVERs and REGIONAL SERVERs, each of the LOCAL SERVERs comprising means for storing RESOURCEs therein, and each of the REGIONAL SERVERs comprising means for storing Profiles of RESOURCEs [associated with] stored in one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs therein, wherein the LOCAL and REGIONAL SERVERs are linked together for electronically transferring PROFILEs and RESOURCEs therebetween; and